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Letter dated 7 February 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour, upon instructions from the President of the Republic of Ghana and Chair of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, to transmit the communiqué of the fourth Extraordinary Summit of the Authority on the situation in Mali dated 9 January 2022 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be issued as a document of the Security Council under agenda item 39.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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Communiqué of the fourth Extraordinary Summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States on the situation in Mali

1. The Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) convened in Extraordinary Session in Accra, Republic of Ghana, on 9 January 2022, under the chairmanship of H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana and Chair of the ECOWAS Authority. The Session was to review political developments in the Republic of Mali, in the context of the ongoing transition in the country since the last Summit held on 12 December 2021.

2. Present at the Summit were the under-listed ECOWAS Heads of State and Government or their duly mandated representatives:

H.E. Patrice Talon, President of the Republic of Benin;

H.E. Roch Marc Christian Kabore, President of Burkina Faso;

H.E. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire;

H.E. Adama Barrow, President of the Republic of The Gambia;

H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana;

H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau;

H.E. Georges Manneh Weah, President of the Republic of Liberia;

H.E. Mohamed Bazoum, President of the Republic of Niger;

H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal;

H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone;

H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbe, President of the Togolese Republic,

H.E. Yemi Osibanjo, Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

H. E. Belarmino Monteiro Silva, Ambassador of Cabo Verde to the Federal republic of Nigeria,

3. The session was also attended by H.E. Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and ECOWAS Mediator for Mali; H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou, President of the ECOWAS Commission; Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union Commission; H.E. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS); Mr. El-Ghassim Wane, Head of MINUSMA in Mali.

4. The Heads of State and Government took note of the report of H.E. Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and ECOWAS Mediator for Mali and the Memorandum on the political situation in Mali presented by H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou, President of the ECOWAS Commission. The Authority commended the quality of the reports and the recommendations contained therein.

5. The Authority, after deliberations, regrettably observed the failure of the Transition authorities in Mali to organize the presidential elections by 27 February 2022 contrary to the agreement reached with ECOWAS Authority on September 15, 2021 and the commitment in the Transition Charter. The Authority deeply deplores the obvious and blatant lack of political will from the Transition authorities that led to the absence of any tangible progress in the preparations for the elections, despite the willingness of ECOWAS and all regional and international partners to support Mali in this process.

6. The Authority takes note of the conclusions of the Assises National de la Refondation (ANR) of 13 December 2021, leading to the adoption of a Chronogram on the Transition in Mali. The Authority noted that several important stakeholders did not participate in those ANR. The chronogram submitted on the 31st December 2021 by the transition authorities to the Chair of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, schedules presidential elections to take place by end December 2026. This will imply a period of transition of six and half (6.5) years.

7. The Authority finds the proposed chronogram for a transition totally unacceptable. This chronogram simply means that an illegitimate military transition Government will take the Malian people hostage during the next five years. The Authority reiterates its call for the transition authorities to focus on activities geared towards an expeditious return to constitutional order and to defer key reforms to legitimate elected institutions to be established after the elections.

8. In view of the above, the Authority decides to uphold the initial sanctions already imposed on Mali and on the transition authorities. The Authority also decides to impose additional economic and financial sanctions, in conformity with its deliberations at the Sixtieth Ordinary Session held on 12 December 2021 in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria. These additional sanctions include:

- (a) Closure of land and air borders between ECOWAS countries and Mali;
- (b) Suspension of all commercial transactions between ECOWAS countries and Mali, with the exception of the following products: essential consumer goods; pharmaceutical products; medical supplies and equipment, including materials for the control of COVID-19; petroleum products and electricity;
- (c) Freeze of assets of the Republic of Mali in ECOWAS Central and Commercial Banks;
- (d) Suspension of Mali from all financial assistance from ECOWAS financing institutions (EBID and BOAD).

These sanctions will be implemented immediately and will remain in force. The sanctions will be gradually lifted only after an acceptable and agreed chronogram is finalised and monitored satisfactory progress is realised in the implementation of the chronogram for the elections.

9. In addition, in view of the potentially destabilizing impact on Mali and on the region, created by this transition in Mali, the Authority decides to activate immediately the ECOWAS Standby Force, which will have to be ready for any eventuality.

10. The Authority calls on the African Union, the United Nations and other partners to support the process for the enforcement of these sanctions and continue to provide support for an acceptable political transition.

11. Despite the denial by the Malian Transition Government, the Authority remains deeply concerned by consistent report on deployment of private security agents in Mali with its potentially destabilizing impact on the West Africa Region. The

Authority notes that this situation is closely related to the stalled political transition in the country.

12. The Heads of State and Government express their deep gratitude to H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana and Chair of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, for his leadership in ensuring the success of the Summit.

Done in Accra, this 9th day of January 2022

THE AUTHORITY
